GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3699
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001
RAIN IN KERALA
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of damages caused by the heavy rains in Kerala, Orissa etc.;

(b) whether the affected State Government have sought any financial assistance from the center for relief measures; and

(c) if so, the details and assistance extended by the centre?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The Governments of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala,Orissa, Punjab, Tripura and Uttaranchal have reported damage to life and property due to heavy rains and floods during South-West Monsoon 2001. A statement indicating damage to life and property due to heavy rains and floods, as reported by the respective State Governments, is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to takenecessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including floods. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States. There is availability of funds with the States under Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) for taking immediate relief measures. A statement indicating state-wise details of release of Central share of CRF during 2001- 2002 is at Annexure-II.

The Governments of Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Kerala have submittedmemoranda for additional Central assistance in the wake of heavy rains and floods. The Government of Orissa has submitted preliminary memorandum.

Second instalment of Central share of CRF for 2001-02 amounting to Rs.26.48crore was released to Kerala for undertaking immediate measures in the wake of floods. An ad-hoc assistance of Rs.100.00 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) has been released to Orissa.In addition, 3 lakh tonnes of rice has been allocated to Orissa under Food for Work Programme.

Further Central assistance under the National Calamity ContingencyFund(NCCF) is dependent on the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Teams which have already visited Kerala and Chhattisgarh for assessment of the situation.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3699 FOR 16.8.2001, INDICATIN DETAILSOF DAMAGE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY DUE TO HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODS DURING SOUTH-WEST MONSOO 2001.

S.No.	Name of State	Human Lives lost (Nos.)	Crop area affected (lakh ha.)	Houses damaged (in lakhs)
1.	Assam	NR	0.13	NR
2.	Bihar	15	1.08	0.33
3.	Chhattisgarh	13	0.77	0.07
4.	Himachal Pradesh	18	Neg.	Neg.

5.	Kerala	125	0.40	0.24
6.	Orissa	100	9.00	2.00
7	Punjab	6	0.58	Neg.
8.	Tripura	9	0.14	0.07
9.	Uttaranchal	18	NR	Neg.

NR = Not reported.
Neg. = Negligible.

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3699 FOR REPLY ON 16.8 INDICATING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF RELEASE OF CENTRAL SHARE OF CALAMITY RELIEF FUND DURING 2001-2002

(RS. IN LAKHS)

CENTRAL SHARE OF CALAMITY RELIEF FUND

S.NO.	NAME OF STATE	RELEASED
1	Assam	3996.00
2	Bihar	-
3	Chhattisgarh	2163.00
4	Himachal Pradesh	3424.00
5	Kerala	8603.61
6	Orissa	6465.75
7	Punjab	-
8	Tripura	-
9	Uttaranchal	-
	TOTAL:	24652.36